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1. MISSION OFFICER JULY 14 CONVEYED SUBSTANCE PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL TO FINANCIAL OFFICERS IN EC COMMISSION'S DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTORATE, DG VIII. COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION FOR UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS (IGE) MEETING, JULY 18-22, AND DOES NOT WANT TO SEE ANY BROADENING OF THE UNCTAD MANDATE ON DEBT ISSUES BEYOND RESOLUTION 94 (IV).

2. COMMISSION FINANCIAL OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF PREPARATIONS FOR IGE, GERHARD BUCHBINDER AND MARC PIESINI, HAD EARLIER DISCUSSED IGE WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. LATTER REPORTED THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WAS

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LEANING TOWARD "ONE MEETING" DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS (JULY AND OCTOBER SESSIONS). THE UNCTAD PAPERS (PARA 2 REFTEL) SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION IN JULY SESSION ARE NOT YET READY. SECRETARIAT THEREFORE PLANS INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF TDL 124 (G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON DEBT SUBMITTED AT NAIROBI) AND RESOLUTION 98 (IV), INsofar AS LATTER DEALS WITH DEBT AND

THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. DEBATE ON THESE ITEMS IS REPORTEDLY TO BEGIN ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 18.

IF REPORT OF COMMUNITY'S GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE IS TRUE, COMMUNITY POSITION IS THAT SECRETARIAT HAS NO AUTHORITY UNDER RESOLUTION 94(IV) TO RAISE THESE ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS. EC WILL THEREFORE OPPOSE EFFORTS TO TREAT ISSUES ALREADY DISCUSSED IN NAIROBI OR IN OTHER FORA WHICH THE COMMUNITY VIEWS IGE ESSENTIALLY AS "STOCKTAKING" EXERCISE, NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF DEBT ISSUES. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, HOWEVER, POSSIBLY FOLLOWING UNCTAD TDB MINISTERIAL IN 1978, THE COMMISSION SPOKESMEN THOUGHT SUBSTANTIVE ELABORATION OF US-EC POSITION ON DEBT MAY BE REQUIRED. MOREOVER, THEY BELIEVE G-77 WILL PUSH STRONGLY FOR DISCUSSIONS IN UNCTAD FRAMEWORK EVEN THOUGH EC, LIKE US, FAVORS IBRD/IMF CONTEXT.

4. AT IGE COMMUNITY WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FIVE MEMBER STATES (UK, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM), AS WELL AS COUNCIL PRESIDENCY AND COMMISSION (PIESINI) AS OBSERVERS.HINTON

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